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LETTER DATED 29 SEPTEMBER 1996 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to inform you that on 15 September 1996 two Kuwaiti military boats equipped with radios anchored at buoy No. 12 in the Khawr al-Khafqa canal. Having been observed by an Iraqi vessel, they left the buoy and headed for the Kuwaiti coast. At the same time, damage was caused to buoy No. 14, which lies near Mina al-Bakr, about three miles from buoy No. 12. It was tampered with and its light and batteries were destroyed.

I would request you to intervene with Kuwait in order to bring an end to such hostile acts, which are in contravention of the Charter of the United Nations and international law, constitute unjustified provocation and have damaged the lights affixed by Iraq to the buoys in the Khawr al-Khafqa canal leading to the oil terminals. There are a limited number of these lights, and because of the sanctions regime they cannot be replaced if lost.

I reaffirm the legitimate right of the Republic of Iraq to compensation for the material losses sustained as a consequence of these acts, in accordance with the principle of international responsibility.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
Ambassador
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